# Maximum Induced Subgraph of an Augmented Cube 

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#### Abstract

Let $\max _{\xi_{G}}(m)$ denote the maximum number of edges in a subgraph of graph $G$ induced by $m$ nodes. The $n$ -dimensional augmented cube, denoted as $A Q_{n}$, a variation of the hypercube, possesses some properties superior to those of the hypercube. We study the cases when $G$ is the augmented cube $A Q_{n}$.

In this paper, we show that $\max _{\xi_{A Q_{n}}}(m)=\sum_{i=0}^{r}\left(p_{i}+2 i-\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{p_{i}}$, where $p_{0}>p_{1}>\cdots>p_{r}$ are nonnegative integers defined by $m=\sum_{i=0}^{r} 2^{p_{i}}$ and $m \geq 2$. We then apply this formula to find the bisection width of $A Q_{n}$.


Keywords-Interconnection network, Augmented cube, Induced subgraph, Bisection width.

## I. InTRODUCTION

T-HEtopology of an interconnection network is conveniently represented by an undirected simple graph $G=(V, E)$, where $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ is the vertex set and the edge set of $G$, respectively. For graph terminology and notation not defined here we refer the reader to [8]. There are a lot of interconnection network topologies proposed in literature [4]. Among these topologies, the $n$-dimensional hypercube, denoted by $Q_{n}$, is a popular one. Many variants of the hypercube have been proposed. The augmented cube, proposed by Choudum and Sunitha [3], is one of such variations. An n -dimensional augmented cube $A Q_{n}$ can be formed as an extension of $Q_{n}$ by adding some links. For any positive integer $n, A Q_{n}$ is a vertex transitive, $(2 n-1)$-regular, and $(2 n-1)$ -connected graph with $2^{n}$ vertices. $A Q_{n}$ retains all favorable properties of $Q_{n}$ since $Q_{n} \subset A Q_{n}$. Moreover, $A Q_{n}$ possesses some embedding properties that $Q_{n}$ does not. Previous works relating to the augmented cube can be found in [1], [2], [5], [6], [7], [9].

Let $\max _{\xi_{G}}(m)$ denote the maximum number of edges in a subgraph of graph $G$ induced by $m$ nodes. Determining $\max _{\xi_{G}}(m)$ for typical graph $G$ not only is interesting in its

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own right, but the result has applications in the evaluation of bandwidth and fault tolerant of $G$ [11]. Abdel-Ghaffar [10] solved this problem for hypercube and Yang et al. [12] solved it for recursive circulant graph $G\left(2^{n}, 4\right)$ which is one of various of hypercubes. In this paper, we show that $\max _{\xi_{A Q_{n}}}(m)=\sum_{i=0}^{r}\left(p_{i}+2 i-\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{p_{i}}$, where $p_{0}>p_{1}>\cdots>p_{r}$ are nonnegative integers defined by $m=\sum_{i=0}^{r} 2^{p_{i}}$ and $m \geq 2$. We then apply this formula to find the bisection width of $A Q_{n}$.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: In Section II, provides formal definition of $A Q_{n}$. A useful function is given and study its properties in Section III. By exploiting these properties, we show $\max _{\xi_{A Q_{n}}}(m)=\sum_{i=0}^{r}\left(p_{i}+2 i-\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{p_{i}}$ in Section IV. Finally, the formula is applied to determine the bisection width of $A Q_{n}$ in Section V.

## II.PRELIMINARIES

Let $G=(V, E)$ be a graph, and $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ denote vertex set and edge set of graph $G$, respectively. For $U \subseteq V(G)$, the subgraph of $G$ induced by $U$, denoted by $G[U]$, is a graph with vertex set $U$ and all the edges of $G$ with both vertices in $U$. Anm-induced subgraph of a graph is one that is induced by $m$ vertices. A maximum m-inducedsubgraph of a graph is one that has the maximum number of edges. Let $\max _{\xi_{G}}(m)$ denote the maximum number of edges in an $m$-induced subgraph of graph $G$. Let $\xi(U)$ denote the number of edges of $G[U]$. For a pair of disjoint vertex subsets $U_{1}$ and $U_{2}$ of graph $G$, let $\xi\left(U_{1}, U_{2}\right)$ denote the number of edges joining $U_{1}$ and $U_{2}$.

Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer. The graph of the $n$-dimensional augmented cube [3], denoted by $A Q_{n}$ has $2^{n}$ vertices, each labeled by an $n$-bit binary string $V\left(A Q_{n}\right)=\left\{u_{1} u_{2} \ldots u_{n} \mid u_{i} \in\{0,1\}\right\} . A Q_{1}$ is the graph $K_{2}$ with vertex set $\{0,1\}$. For $n \geq 2, A Q_{n}$ can be recursively constructed by two copies of $A Q_{n-1}$, denoted by $A Q_{n-1}^{0}$ and $A Q_{n-1}^{1}$ and by adding $2^{n}$ edge between $A Q_{n-1}^{0}$ and $A Q_{n-1}^{1}$ as follows:

Let $V\left(A Q_{n-1}^{0}\right)=\left\{\left(0 u_{2} u_{3} \ldots u_{n}\right) \mid u_{i}=0\right.$ or 1 for $\left.2 \leq i \leq n\right\}$ and $V\left(A Q_{n-1}^{1}\right)=\left\{\left(1 v_{2} v_{3} \ldots v_{n}\right) \mid u_{i}=0\right.$ or 1 for $\left.2 \leq i \leq n\right\}$. A vertex $u=\left(0 u_{2} u_{3} \ldots u_{n}\right)$ of $A Q_{n-1}^{0}$ is joined to a vertex
$v=\left(1 v_{2} v_{3} \ldots v_{n}\right)$ of $A Q_{n-1}^{1}$ if and only if either (i) $u_{i}=v_{i}$ for $2 \leq i \leq n$; in this case, ${ }^{(u, v)}$ is called a hypercube edge, or ${ }^{(i i)}$ $u_{i}=\bar{v}_{i}$ for $2 \leq i \leq n$; in this case, $(u, v)$ is called a complement edge.


Fig. 1 The augmented cubes: $A Q_{1}, A Q_{2}$, and $A Q_{3}$
The augmented cubes $A Q_{1}, A Q_{2}$, and $A Q_{3}$ are illustrated in Fig. 1. It is proved in [3] that $A Q_{n}$ is a vertex transitive, $(2 n-1)$-regular, and $(2 n-1)$-connected graph with $2^{n}$ vertices for any positive integer $n$.

Any positive integer $m$ can be uniquely represented by $m=\sum_{i=0}^{r} 2^{p_{i}}$, where $p_{0}>p_{1}>\cdots>p_{r} \geq 0$. We define a useful function

$$
f(m)= \begin{cases}0 & : m \leq 1 \\ \sum_{i=0}^{r}\left(p_{i}+2 i-\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{p_{i}} & : m \geq 2\end{cases}
$$

As an example, for $m=148=2^{7}+2^{4}+2^{2}$, we have $f(148)=\left(7+0-\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{7}+\left(4+2-\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{4}+\left(2+4-\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{2}=942$
Theorem 1 For any $n \geq 1$ and $0<m \leq 2^{n}$, we have $\max _{\xi_{A Q_{n}}}(m)=f(m)$.
We drive several properties of the function $f(m)$ which are used to prove Theorem 1 in following sections and also give an explicit set $U$ of vertices such that $\xi(U)=g(m)$.

## III. Properties of $f(m)$

For a positive integer $m$, we define $l(m)=\left\lfloor\log _{2} m\right\rfloor$ and $m^{\prime}=m-2^{l(m)}$. Obviously, $2^{l(m)} \leq m<2^{l(m)+1}$ and $0 \leq m^{\prime}<\frac{m}{2}$.
Proposition 1 Let $m$ be a positive. Then, $f(m)=f\left(2^{(m)}\right)+f\left(m^{\prime}\right)+2 m$
Proof. We may write $m=2^{p_{0}}+2^{p_{1}}+\cdots+2^{p_{r}}$ for some integer $r \geq 0$ and $p_{0}>p_{1}>\cdots>p_{r} \geq 0$. Clearly, $l(m)=p_{0}$. From the definition of $f(m), f(m)=(2 l(m)-1) 2^{(m)-1}+\sum_{i=1}^{r}\left(p_{i}+2 i-\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{p_{i}}$. Since $m^{\prime}=2^{p_{1}}+2^{p_{2}}+\cdots+2^{p_{r}} \quad$, we also have $f\left(m^{\prime}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{r}\left[p_{i}+2(i-1)-\frac{1}{2}\right] 2^{p_{i}}$.
We conclude from the above that
$f(m)=(2 l(m)-1) 2^{l(m)-1}+f\left(m^{\prime}\right)+\sum_{i=1}^{r} 2 \times 2^{p_{i}}=f\left(2^{l(m)}\right)+f\left(m^{\prime}\right)+2 m^{\prime}$ because $f\left(2^{l(m)}\right)=(2 l(m)-1) 2^{l(m)-1}$.
Proposition 2 For any positive integers $m_{1}$ and $m_{2}$, we have $f\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right) \geq f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2 \min \left\{m_{1}, m_{2}\right\}$.
Proof. Clearly equality holds for $m_{1}=1$ or $m_{2}=1$. The proof is by induction on $m_{1}+m_{2}$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $m_{1} \geq m_{2} \geq 2$. In particular, we want to prove that $f\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right) \geq f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2 m_{2}$, where the induction hypothesis implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right) \geq f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2 \min \left\{m_{1}^{\prime}, m_{2}\right\} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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\begin{equation*}
f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}^{\prime}\right) \geq f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}\right)+f\left(m_{2}^{\prime}\right)+2 \min \left\{m_{1}^{\prime}, m_{2}^{\prime}\right\} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Notice that $2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)} \leq m_{1} \leq m_{1}+m_{2} \leq 2 m_{1}<2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+2}$ and, in particular, $l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)$ equals either $l\left(m_{1}\right)$ or $l\left(m_{1}\right)+1$. We consider all possible cases:
Case 1: $l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)=l\left(m_{1}\right)$
In
this
case, $\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime}=m_{1}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)}=m_{1}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}=m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}$. Proposition 1 gives $f\left(m_{1}\right)=\left(2 l\left(m_{1}\right)-1\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)-1}+f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}\right)+2 m_{1}^{\prime} \quad$ and $f\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)=\left(2 l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)-1\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)-1}+f\left(\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime}\right)+2\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime}$

$$
=\left(2 l\left(m_{1}\right)-1\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)-1}+f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)+2\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)
$$

Hence,
$f\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)=f\left(m_{1}\right)-f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}\right)+f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)+2 m_{2}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \geq f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2 \min \left\{m_{1}^{\prime}, m_{2}\right\}+2 m_{2}, \text { where } \\
& \geq f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2 m_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

the first inequality follows from (1).
Case 2: $l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)=l\left(m_{1}\right)+1$ and $l\left(m_{1}\right)=l\left(m_{2}\right)$
In
this
case,
$\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime}=\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)-2^{l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)}=m_{1}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+1}$
$=m_{1}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{2}\right)}=m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}^{\prime} \quad$. Proposition 1 gives $f\left(m_{1}\right)=\left(2 l\left(m_{1}\right)-1\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)-1}+f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}\right)+2 m_{1}^{\prime}, \quad f\left(m_{2}\right)=\left(2 l\left(m_{2}\right)-1\right)^{\left.l^{\left(m m_{2}\right.}\right)-1}+f\left(m_{2}^{\prime}\right)+2 m_{2}^{\prime}$ and $f\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)=\left(2 l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)-1\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)-1}+f\left(\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime}\right)+2\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)$

$$
=\left(2 l\left(m_{1}\right)+1\right) 2^{\prime\left(m_{1}\right)}+f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}^{\prime}\right)+2 m_{1}^{\prime}+2 m_{2}^{\prime} .
$$

Since $l\left(m_{1}\right)=l\left(m_{2}\right)$ and $m_{1} \geq m_{2} \geq 2$ implies $m_{1}^{\prime} \geq m_{2}^{\prime} \geq 0$, we
have

$$
\begin{aligned}
f\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right) & =f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2^{\imath\left(m_{1}\right)+1}+f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}^{\prime}\right)-f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}\right)-f\left(m_{2}^{\prime}\right) \quad, \\
& \geq f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2^{I\left(m_{1}\right)+1}+2 m_{2}^{\prime}=f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2 m_{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

where the inequality follows from (2).
Case 3: $l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)=l\left(m_{1}\right)+1$ and $l\left(m_{1}\right)>l\left(m_{2}\right)$
In this case, $\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime}=\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)-2^{l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)}=m_{1}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+1}$ $=m_{1}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}=m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}$. Furthermore, as $2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+1}=2^{l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)} \leq m_{1}+m_{2}<2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+1}+2^{l\left(m_{2}\right)+1} \leq 2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+1}+2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}$ , we get $2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)} \leq m_{1}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}<2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+1}$.

Since $m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}=m_{1}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}$, we deduce that $l\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)=l\left(m_{1}\right)$

$$
\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime}=\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)-2^{l\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)}=m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}
$$

Proposition
1
gives

$$
f\left(m_{1}\right)=\left(2 l\left(m_{1}\right)-1\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)-1}+f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}\right)+2 m_{1}^{\prime}
$$

$$
f\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)=\left(2 l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)-1\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)-1}+f\left(\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime}\right)+2\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime}
$$

$$
=\left(2 l\left(m_{1}\right)+1\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}+f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}\right)+2 m_{1}^{\prime}+2 m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+1}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right) & =\left(2 l\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)-1\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)-1}+f\left(\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime}\right)+2\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)^{\prime} \\
& =\left(2 l\left(m_{1}\right)-1\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)-1}+f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}\right)+2 m_{1}^{\prime}+2 m_{2}-2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+1} .
\end{aligned}
$$

The above expressions for $f\left(m_{1}\right), f\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)$, and $f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)$ yield

$$
f\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)=f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)+\left(2 l\left(m_{1}\right)+3\right) 2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)-1}
$$

$$
=f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}+m_{2}\right)-f\left(m_{1}^{\prime}\right)-2 m_{1}^{\prime}+2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+1}
$$

$$
\geq f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2 \min \left\{m_{1}^{\prime}, m_{2}\right\}-2 m_{1}^{\prime}+2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)+1}
$$

$$
=f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2 \min \left\{2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}, m_{2}-m_{1}^{\prime}+2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}\right.
$$

where the inequality follows from (1). Since $m_{1}^{\prime}<m_{1} / 2<2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}$ and $m_{2}<2^{l\left(m_{2}\right)+1} \leq 2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}$, we have $\min \left\{2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}, m_{2}-m_{1}^{\prime}+2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}\right\} \geq \min \left\{2^{l\left(m_{1}\right)}, m_{2}\right\}=m_{2}$.
Therefore, $f\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right) \geq f\left(m_{1}\right)+f\left(m_{2}\right)+2 \min \left\{m_{1}, m_{2}\right\}$.

## IV. Proof of Theorem 1

A partition of a set $S$ is a collection of disjoint subsets of $S$ whose union equals $S$. Then the following lemma is obviously.

Lemma 1 [12] Let $U$ be a vertex subset of graph G. Let $\left\{U_{0}, U_{1}, \ldots, U_{k}\right\}$ be $a$ partition of $U$. Then $\xi(U)=\sum_{i=0}^{k} \xi\left(U_{i}\right)+\sum_{0 \leq i<j \leq k} \xi\left(U_{i}, U_{j}\right)$.

Let $U$ be a set of vertices on the $A Q_{n}$, let $U^{(a)}=U \cap V\left(A Q_{n-1}^{a}\right)$ where $a=0$ or 1 . We have the following observation.

Lemma 2 For a set $U$ of vertices on $A Q_{n}, n>1$, we have $\xi(U) \leq \xi\left(U^{(0)}\right)+\xi\left(U^{(1)}\right)+2 \min \left\{\left|U^{(0)}\right|,\left|U^{(1)}\right|\right\}$.

Proof. Since $\left\{U^{(0)}, U^{(1)}\right\}$ is a partition of $U$, by Lemma 1 , $\xi(U)=\xi\left(U^{(0)}\right)+\xi\left(U^{(1)}\right)+\left|\xi\left(U^{(0)}, U^{(1)}\right)\right|$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $\left|U^{(0)}\right| \leq\left|U^{(1)}\right|$. One can observe that $U^{(0)}$ and $U^{(1)}$ are vertex subsets of $A Q_{n-1}^{0}$ and $A Q_{n-1}^{1}$ respectively. The proof is divided into two parts as follows.

Case 1: $\left|U^{(0)}\right|=0$.
This implies $U=U^{(1)}$. It is obvious that $\xi\left(U^{(0)}\right)=0$ and $\min \left\{\left|U^{(0)}\right|,\left|U^{(1)}\right|\right\}=0$. Thus $\xi(U) \leq \xi\left(U^{(0)}\right)+\xi\left(U^{(1)}\right)+2 \min \left\{\left|U^{(0)}\right|,\left|U^{(1)}\right|\right\}$.

Case 2: $\left|U^{(0)}\right| \neq 0$.

By definition, every vertex of $A Q_{n-1}^{0}$ connects to exactly two vertices of $A Q_{n-1}^{1}$. Hence, for any vertex $u \in U^{(0)}$, at most two vertices in $U^{(1)}$ are adjacent to $u$. Therefore, $\xi\left(U^{(0)}, U^{(1)}\right) \leq 2\left|U^{(0)}\right|$. As a result, $\left.\xi(U) \leq \xi\left(U^{(0)}\right)+\xi\left(U^{(1)}\right)+2 \min \left\{\mid U^{(0)}\right),\left|U^{(1)}\right|\right\}$.

Lemma 3For any integer $n \geq 1$ and $0 \leq m \leq 2^{n}$, we have $\max _{\xi_{A Q_{n}}}(m) \leq f(m)$.
Proof. It suffices to show that $\xi(U) \leq f(m)$ for every set $U \in V\left(A Q_{n}\right)$. The proof is induction on $n$. It is obviously true for $n=1,2$. Suppose the claim is true for $n=k$. Let $U$ be an arbitrary set of $m$ vertices in $A Q_{n}$. Thus $\left\{U^{(0)}, U^{(1)}\right\}$ is a partition of $U$, and $U^{(0)} \subseteq V\left(A Q_{n-1}^{0}\right)$ and $U^{(1)} \subseteq V\left(A Q_{n-1}^{1}\right)$. By Lemma 2, the induction hypothesis, and Proposition 2, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\xi(U) & \leq \xi\left(U^{(0)}\right)+\xi\left(U^{(1)}\right)+2 \min \left\{\left|U^{(0)}\right|,\left|U^{(1)}\right|\right\} \\
& \leq f\left(\left|U^{(0)}\right|\right)+f\left(\left|U^{(1)}\right|\right)+2 \min \left\{\left|U^{(0)}\right|,\left|U^{(1)}\right|\right\} \\
& \leq f\left(\left|U^{(0)}\right|+\left|U^{(1)}\right|\right) \\
& =f(m) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus the lemma is proved.
Next, we give for any integer $n \geq 1$ and $0 \leq m \leq 2^{n}$, a set, denoted by $U_{m, n}$, of $m$ vertices on the $A Q_{n}$ for which $\xi\left(U_{m, n}\right)=f(m)$. The set $U_{m, n}$ is defined by

$$
U_{m, n}=\left\{\left(s_{1} s_{2} \cdots s_{n}\right) \in V\left(A Q_{n}\right) \mid \sum_{i=1}^{n} s_{i} 2^{i-1}<m\right\} \text {, i.e., } U_{m, n}
$$ consists of all vectors that are binary expansions of nonnegative integers less than $m$.

Lemma 4For any integer $n \geq 1$ and $0 \leq m \leq 2^{n}$, we have $\xi\left(U_{m, n}\right)=f(m)$.

Proof. The proof is induction on $n$. Clearly the statement holds for $n=1$. Suppose the claim is true for $n \leq k-1$. Now we consider the following three cases when $n=k$.

Case 1: $0 \leq m \leq 2^{k-1}$
In this case, $U_{m, k}^{(0)}=U_{m, k-1}, m=\left|U_{m, k}\right|=\left|U_{m, k}^{(0)}\right|$, and $U_{m, k}^{(1)}$ is empty. By Lemma 2, we have $\xi\left(U_{m, k}\right)=\xi\left(U_{m, k}^{(0)}\right)=\xi\left(U_{m, k-1}\right)$. By induction hypothesis, $\xi\left(U_{m, k-1}\right)=f(m)$; this implies $\xi\left(U_{m, k}\right)=f(m)$.

Case 2: $2^{k-1}<m \leq 2^{k}$
In this case, $U_{m, k}^{(0)}=V\left(A Q_{k-1}^{0}\right)$ and $\left|U_{m, k}^{(1)}\right|=m^{\prime} \quad$ where $m^{\prime}=m-2^{k-1}$. Thus for any vertex $u \in U_{m, k}^{(0)}$, there are exactly two vertices in $U_{m, k}^{(1)}$ adjacent to $u$. This implies $\xi\left(U_{m, k}^{(0)}, U_{m, k}^{(1)}\right)=2\left|U_{m, k}^{(1)}\right|=2 m^{\prime}$.
Since $\left\{U_{m, k}^{(0)}, U_{m, k}^{(1)}\right\}$ is a partition of $U_{m, k}$, by Lemma 1 , $\xi\left(U_{m, k}\right)=\xi\left(U_{m, k}^{(0)}\right)+\xi\left(U_{m, k}^{(1)}\right)+\xi\left(U_{m, k}^{(0)}, U_{m, k}^{(1)}\right)$. By the induction hypothesis, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\xi\left(U_{m, k}\right) & =\xi\left(U_{m, k}^{(0)}\right)+\xi\left(U_{m, k}^{(1)}\right)+\xi\left(U_{m, k}^{(0)}, U_{m, k}^{(1)}\right) \\
& =f\left(\left|U_{m, k}^{(0)}\right|\right)+f\left(\left|U_{m, k}^{(1)}\right|\right)+\xi\left(U_{m, k}^{(0)}, U_{m, k}^{(1)}\right) \\
& =f\left(2^{k-1}\right)+f\left(m^{\prime}\right)+2 m^{\prime} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, by Proposition $1, \xi\left(U_{m, k}\right)=f(m)$ because $l(m)=k-1$.

Case 3: $m=2^{k}$
In this case, $U_{m, k}$ contain all the vertices in the $A Q_{k}$ and $\xi\left(U_{m, k}\right)=(2 k-1) 2^{k-1}$. By definition of $f(m)$, we have $f\left(2^{k}\right)=\left(k-\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{k}=(2 k-1) 2^{k-1}$. Hence, $\xi\left(U_{m, k}\right)=f(m)$.
From Lemma 3 and Lemma 4, we have $\max _{\xi_{A Q_{n}}}(m)=\xi\left(U_{m, n}\right)=f(m)$. Thus Theorem 1 is proved.

## V.Application to Bisection Width

The bisection width of graph $G$, denoted by bisection $(G)$, is the minimum cardinality of an edge cut of $G$ that splits $G$ into two equally-size parts. The arm of this section is to determine the bisection width of $A Q_{n}$.

Lemma 5For a set $U$ of vertices of $n$-regular graph $G$, we have $\xi(U, V(G)-U)=n \times|U|-2 \xi(U)$.

Theorem 2 For any integer $n$, we have $\operatorname{bisection}\left(A Q_{n}\right)=2^{n}$

Proof. The proof is obviously true for $n=1,2$. Suppose $n \geq 3$. For any set $U$ of $2^{n-1}$ vertices of $A Q_{n}$, by Lemma 5 and Theorem 1 that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\xi\left(U, V\left(A Q_{n}\right)-U\right) & =(2 n-1) \times 2^{n-1}-2 \xi(U) \\
& \geq(2 n-1) \times 2^{n-1}-2 \times f\left(2^{n-1}\right) \\
& =(2 n-1) \times 2^{n-1}-2(2 n-3) 2^{n-2} \\
& =2^{n} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus, $\operatorname{bisection}\left(A Q_{n}\right) \geq 2^{n}$. On the other hand, let $U=V\left(A Q_{n-1}^{0}\right)$. Then $|U|=2^{n-1}$ and $\xi\left(U, V\left(A Q_{n}\right)-U\right)=2^{n}$. Therefore, we have $\operatorname{bisection}\left(A Q_{n}\right)=2^{n-1}$.

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